

'Success' In Laos Assures GI Pullout

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Nixon Praises South Viet Fighting Men

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is President Nixon's "interim assessment" that allied operations in Laos guarantee the continued withdrawal of at least 12,500 American troops each month from South Vietnam.

Moreover, Nixon asserted in an unprecedented hour-long television interview Monday night, the Laotian action has "substantially reduced" the danger to U.S. fighting men re-

maining in the war zone as the pullout proceeds.

"For that reason," Nixon told interviewer Howard K. Smith of the American Broadcasting Co., "the operation was worthwhile as far as we are concerned."

HITS AT CRITICS

Bearing down on critics, Nixon took sharp exception to a burgeoning congressional move by mostly Democratic antiwar members to call for withdrawal

of all Americans from Vietnam by a fixed date.

That would give all the advantages to Hanoi, Nixon argued, and might lead to American involvement in a future war.

And although the President declined to discuss politics directly, he hinted in very broad terms he has every intention of seeking a second term in 1972.

As for the political future of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew,

Nixon said he has made no decision on "whoever may be the man who runs for vice president" on next year's GOP ticket.

Smith, thinking perhaps about Secretary of the Treasury John B. Connally, had asked if the President might consider a Democrat as a running mate.

But Southeast Asia was the dominant theme throughout the relaxed session broadcast from

the White House library.

Interestingly, there was no discussion of the Middle East or of relations with the Soviet Union, and domestic problems were mentioned only briefly.

The President urged congressional approval of his revenue-sharing, welfare-reform and government - reorganization plans.

"The trouble with government today in this country ... is this,

that to the average person out there ... he looks at government, all government, and he is fed up with it, and the reason he is fed up with it is that it costs too much, and it doesn't work and he can't do anything about it."

LONG-RANGE GOALS

While Nixon spoke glowingly about the conduct of the South Vietnamese army in Laos, he cautioned that "whether this operation is going to be labeled a success or a failure" cannot be judged for many weeks, perhaps months. The goals, he said, are long range. He went on:

"I will say this: My interim assessment ... is this: as far as our withdrawal is concerned, it is assured. The next withdrawal announcement will be made in April. It will be at least at the number that I have been withdrawing over the past few months; and, second, as far as the danger to the American forces remaining, particularly in the northern part of South Vietnam, ... that danger has been substantially reduced."

He added that his April statement "will give some indication as to the end of the tunnel" in the war.

Nixon contended that in Laos "the South Vietnamese have now passed a milestone in their development." Although he said they have been greatly outnumbered by the enemy, he reported that 15 of 22 battalions involved "are doing extremely well" and will come out of Laos "with greater confidence and greater morale than before."

In one of several remarks that appeared critical of the news media, Nixon said of TV news programs:

"What have the pictures shown? They have shown only those men in the four ARVN battalions of 22 that were in trouble. They haven't shown pictures of people in the other 18 battalions. That is not because it has been deliberate. It is because those make news."

In discussing the proposed congressional end-of-the-war resolution, Nixon said:

"First, it would torpedo any chances for a negotiated settlement. ... The moment that we tell the enemy that we are going to get out as of a date certain, then any negotiating stake we have with regard to ... getting our prisoners back a little sooner, is completely thrown out."

"It also has the effect, once we set the deadline, of completely continuing this operation out there on the enemy's terms."

WON'T TAKE DEFEAT

Nixon argued that if the war ends in a manner that "is considered to be an American defeat or a reward for those who engage in aggression, or an encouragement to the hard-liners in the Communist world, then they will do it again." He added:

"If they hit somebody that is an ally of the United States, like the Philippines or Thailand, we will be drawn in."

Nixon said his goal is to end the war in a way that will give South Vietnam a chance to survive as an independent country. "I think we can do it. I think we will. And I think the American people will support me."

Questioned closely about the credibility of his various statements about the war, Nixon asserted:

"Once the American people are convinced that the plans that have taken so long to implement have come into effect, then I think the credibility gap will rapidly disappear."

"It is the events that cause the credibility gap, not the fact that a president deliberately lies or misleads the people. That is my opinion."

ADC Dad Told To Pay Arrearage

A Chicagoan with six children on Aid to Dependent Children grants in Berrien county was ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to begin paying off a \$1,750 child support arrearage at \$5 weekly, according to the Berrien friend of the court.

Judge Karl F. Zick ordered James L. Tibbs to pay off the arrearage as well as make \$60 weekly child support payments for six children of a former marriage, John D. Schoenhals, the friend of the court, said.

The case arose during a divorce proceeding



OLDTIMER STILL ACTIVE: George Gibbs admits his "bones are aching some now" but the 110-year-old former bronco buster of Walla Walla, Wash., still sows his own wood and keeps up with other chores at his home. He says, "I'm still just a young man," and attributes his longevity to daily doses of cayenne pepper. (AP Wirephoto)

Twin Cities To Lose Service; Niles Nearest 'Whistle Stop'

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
At least 15 cities in Michigan's Lower Peninsula will find themselves without regular passenger train service later this spring.

The sweeping cutback in passenger service to the state was announced Monday by the National Railroad Passenger Corp., a federal corporation called Railpax, which designated routes and trains for certain passen-

ger trains throughout the country in hopes of cutting staggering railroad financial losses in half.

Service will be concentrated between major urban areas. Consequently, smaller cities must do without passenger trains — at least until some possible future date when a smaller route shows potential of making money or a regional agency decides to finance two-

thirds the cost of service, according to a Railpax spokesman.

TAKES OVER MAY 1

Railpax takes over operation of the Penn Central Railroad May 1 and will continue its two daily passenger trains between Chicago and Detroit with stops at Niles, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Jackson and Ann Arbor. Commuter service on the Penn Central between Detroit and Ann Arbor and on the Grand Trunk Western between Detroit and Pontiac also will continue, railroad spokesmen said.

However, all other service by Grand Trunk and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroads will cease. Officials of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, which operates passenger trains between Detroit, Adrian and intermediate points to St. Louis, Mo., were unavailable for immediate comment but it is believed they also intend to discontinue service.

NO SPECIFIC DATES

Spokesmen for the railroads could give specific dates when passenger service would stop but indicated it would be as soon as possible after the Penn Central takeover May 1.

The C&O Monday announced discontinuance of its two passenger trains a day between Detroit, Plymouth, Lansing and Grand Rapids; one round-trip passenger train a day between Grand Rapids, Grandville, Holland, Fennville, Bangor, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Chicago; and its single train between Detroit, Plymouth and Cincinnati.

A C&O spokesman said the Grand Rapids-Chicago round-trip averaged about 16 passengers each way per day, while the Detroit-Grand Rapids run averaged between eight and ten passengers each way.

GRAND TRUNK OUT

A major route between Chicago and Toronto with intermediate stops in Michigan will be eliminated when Grand Trunk pulls out of the through-passenger train business "sometime this spring," a railroad spokesman said.

Grand Trunk, a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railroad, said it would discontinue the round-trip passenger service between Chicago and Port Huron with stops at Battle Creek, Lansing and Flint.

The railroad also announced it intends to discontinue passenger service between Detroit and Durand.

WILL CONTINUE

Passenger service between Sarnia, Ont., across the St. Clair River from Port Huron, and Toronto would continue as usual, the Grand Trunk spokesman said.

Railpax announced its route system would use the most financially promising 1,500 of 3,300 existing railroad passenger cars now operated by 22 different railroads. Negotiations now are underway with a group representing the 22 companies, according to Railpax.

The upheaval in the nation's system came as the result of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 which provides that railroads joining the Railpax corporation may discontinue all intercity passenger service not included in the national system. Railroads which decide not to join the corporation must continue present service until Jan. 1, 1975.

BASED ON USE

The decisions on whether existing routes would stay or go were based on "current train ridership and the number of trains per week, current operating costs on each route, adequacy of other travel modes, total population of cities along

the route, and the physical characteristics of track and equipment," according to David W. Kendall, chairman of the eight-member Railpax board of incorporators.

Under the new system, 184 passenger trains will serve 85 per cent of the nation's urban population, reaching 114 cities with 100,000 or more population, Railpax said about 300 passenger trains are operating nationwide now.

The corporation may make additions to the basic system

"at any time if these prove economically feasible or if a state or regional agency agrees to reimburse the corporation for no less than two-thirds of the cost of the added service," Railpax said.

Standards of service which include the use of modern equipment, trains scheduled at reasonable hours, running time "as fast as track conditions and safety requirements and adequate food and sleeping car service."



MISS BRIDGMAN: Patricia Barfelz, 18, was crowned Miss Bridgman last night. She will represent her town in the Miss Blossomfest contest next month. See story on page 12. (Staff photo)

State Must Grin, Bear \$50 Million

Michigan Can't Control Soaring Welfare

LANSING (AP) — A whopping \$50 million supplemental appropriation to the State Social Services Department for higher-than-expected welfare payments is sought in a bill introduced Monday in the Michigan Senate.

The \$50 million — which some senators contend will not be enough to cover department bills for the fiscal year — would raise the total 1970-71 welfare spending budget to nearly \$394.9 million.

ECONOMY DIPS

Michigan's slogging economy over past months, due in part to the United Auto Workers Union strike against General Motors Corp., was blamed for at least a portion of the high welfare bill.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Charles O. Zoller, R-Benton Harbor, introduced the supplemental appropriations bill.

Social Services expenses are federally-mandated and there's nothing the state can do to make cuts, Sen. Zoller said. Further, with three months yet to run in the 1970-71 fiscal year, additional supplements can be expected in the state Social

Services budget, he predicted. He gave this breakdown for the \$50 million required in state funds: ADC requires \$24 million; Medicare-Medicaid requires \$16.3 million; old age assistance, aid to the disabled and other miscellaneous requires \$16 million; and direct relief, mostly for Wayne county, is \$8.1 million.

"It's federally mandated," the senator said. "There isn't any choice. I'm not happy with it."

Sen. Zoller gave a pat on the back to officials in Berrien county who are dunning fathers of ADC children for support payments and said he believes this effort's greater effect is to cut down on welfare cheating.

"I think if we can stop the abuses in welfare and take care of those really in need, we can have literally hundreds of mil-

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FAULKNER ELECTED: Brian Faulkner, a moderate, was elected prime minister of Northern Ireland by the Protestant Unionist party over hardliner William Craig. The leadership election was made necessary by the resignation of James Chichester-Clark, who quit because the British government wouldn't approve tougher measures against Roman Catholic extremists of the Irish Republican Army. Craig, however, claims control of more than half of the party's district branches which could elect him party leader at a convention scheduled Monday. (AP Wirephoto)

Railroads Granted Rate Hikes

ICC Doesn't Give Them Full Request

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission today granted the nation's railroads permanent freight rate increases of nearly 12 per cent in the eastern and western portions of the country and 6 per cent in the south.

Much of the increase given final approval by the ICC today was granted last fall in the form of temporary increases. Revenues to be brought in by the permanent boosts falls about \$300 million below the amount sought by the railroads.

The ICC said the permanent rates may become effective in 15 days.

The commission order is the fifth to allow increases in freight rates in the past four years.

In addition to general freight rate increases, the order authorizes permanent increases on a number of specific products shipped by rail.

The order terminates requests for more revenues by the railroads dating to last fall. At that time, the railroads asked for an across-the-board hike of 15 per cent.

The ICC at that time granted interim increases of 6 per cent for southern railroads and 8 per cent for railroads in the east and west.

The railroads had estimated that a full 15 per cent increase in rates would yield \$1.5 billion annually.

GI Recruiters Spattered With Ink

YPSILANTI (AP) — Three Marine Corps recruiters, along with a Navy representative, were spattered with black ink as they interviewed prospective officer candidates on the Eastern Michigan University campus today.

Campus police said six to eight persons forced their way into the recruiting room at McKennedy union and threw ink at the officers.

All but one of the assailants, who was detained by a Marine captain until police arrived, fled the scene.

After the attack, the recruiters continued their interviews.

It was the third attack on military recruiters on the EMU campus in two years. In previous instances, water, mustard and paint were thrown at officers.

Benton Siren Will Wail More

Benton township firemen said they will have to increase the length of siren blasts to sound fire alarms at the one of the three township stations because of a lack of volunteer firemen.

The lack means the trucks will be delayed in leaving the Territorial road station, Lt. Harold Durham said. The change will be the result of five firemen being lost because of the township's austerity program, after Friday of this week.

Previously, two firemen were on duty fulltime at the station, Durham said, and one was able to leave in less than a minute with the first fire truck, regardless of the number of volunteers on it.

But since there will be only one fireman on duty now, he has to wait until volunteers show up. The station on Territorial road has not had a large response from volunteers during the day, he said.

Eight blasts will be heard for a minute and a half, Durham said. Fire alarms at the township's other two stations will remain shorter because of better volunteer response.

The township's three stations are manned by professionals, but volunteers are needed to fight fires.

West Fairplain To File Appeal

Will Petition State To Grant Transfer

Resident property owners of the West Fairplain area will appeal the Berrien Intermediate school board's denial of their petition for transfer to the St. Joseph school district with the State Board of Education.

Paul Freudenberg, a spokesman of the Concerned Mothers for Better Education, as the group is known officially, this morning disclosed the contents of a letter being sent to the Intermediate board. It said the group had authorized the filing of an official appeal "in challenge of the Berrien County Intermediate School board's denial of our petition to transfer from the Benton Harbor school district."

According to Freudenberg, the appeal must be filed with the state board by next Monday. State law provides a 10-day deadline for filing an appeal.

The Intermediate board last Friday denied the transfer request by a 3 to 2 vote.

Freudenberg's letter to the intermediate board follows, in full:

"Residents of Fairplain in St. Joseph township authorized the filing of an official appeal in challenge of the Berrien County Intermediate School board's denial of our petition to transfer from the Benton Harbor School district."

"Our appeal is being filed with the State Board of Education in Lansing because we remain convinced that transfer of our area to the St. Joseph School district is the only way all children in Benton Harbor Area Schools today will receive a decent education in safe conditions."

"Based on the facts and figures available to us, we dispute the rationale of the school boards of Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Berrien county."

"We re-emphasize our challenge as to the accuracy of St. Joseph's financial data and based on our ability to carry our own weight, we contend that St. Joseph will realize financial benefit when we are attached to that school district."

"The Benton Harbor school administration's testimony did nothing but endorse our position. All evidence points to low quality education, and unsafe conditions, with no outlook for improvement in the immediate future."

"Prior to the hearing of March 17, we officially requested that two members of the Intermediate School board be disqualified from voting on our petition because of an uncon-



KILLED: The bodies of Mrs. Irene Hennessy, 47, a model and beauty counselor of Wellesley, Mass., and her husband Dr. Thomas Hennessy Jr., 54, were found in the wreckage of a light plane near the top of 5,288-foot Mt. Washington in New Hampshire Monday (AP Wirephoto)

scionable conflict of interest. "One board member is a subordinate, an employee, of the Benton Harbor Superintendent of Schools, and he cannot be expected to vote against his boss. Another member of the Intermediate School Board resides in an area that has announced its intention to petition to transfer. His residency, and invested interest in such an area, creates an obvious conflict

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Whittling The
Payroller Tree

On a smaller scale but in equal proportion to its Big Brother, the state government payroll in Michigan follows faithfully the Washington trend of never subsiding.

Parkinson's Law holds true in Lansing with the same tenacity it prevails along the Potomac. Create some jobs and the occupants will find something to justify their existence, even enhance it.

Earlier in the year the Civil Service Commission recommended an 8.1 per cent across the board salary increase.

Our State Senator Charlie Zollar, the appropriations committee chairman, lost twice in an effort to sustain Governor Milliken's plea to cut it back to 6 1/2 per cent as a means of keeping Michigan's perilously balanced budget on an even keel.

First he proposed to defer the timing of the increase. By showing the 8.1 figure back a few months the treasury would gain the same effect as installing an immediate 6 1/2 per cent gain.

Zollar's colleagues took a powder on that one and last week followed the same tack on reducing the proposal outright.

Undaunted, the Benton township Republican came up with another thought over the weekend. Slice away the layering of upper level administrative help in the various departments.

Zollar says that through the years the various agencies have

accumulated large numbers of semi-executive types in the \$20,000 range and upward who in his words are not overly productive. The mere passing of time in their shuffling the papers back and forth adds to their seniority which in turn moves them upward in pay.

An unidentified Civil Service spokesman says his organizations favors this policy of reducing the chiefs and retaining the Indians who actually perform some work.

Catching the fly in this ointment is the agency head himself.

He prepares the annual budget for his department and then sends it on to the Governor's Budget Director, hoping his balance sheet emerges unscathed.

Since in many instances the agency head is the one who has piled up his sub-executives, there may be a reluctance to follow Zollar's plan. It would be too much of an admission that his department is overloaded with drones.

The Budget Director can slice through that camouflage, or the House and Senate Appropriation Committees can do it.

The selective knife by the department head or the Budget Director is preferable to the Appropriation Committees wielding a broad ax.

One or the other, though, is greatly in order because the alternative is the taxpayer being whacked again to fuel Lansing's free loading bus.

Summer Job Uncertainty

Springtime means job hunting to most American high school and college students. This year, it is likely to be a frustrating experience for many. Employers faced with uncertain economic conditions are reluctant to take on summer help. Some students who depend on summer jobs to finance their educations may be part of September's drop-out statistics.

Government agencies and private business are just beginning to survey the possibilities for summer employment, and are not optimistic. A Bureau of Labor Statistics official estimated that unemployment in the 16-21 age group would be at least equal to that of last year, if not worse. It ran 15.7 per cent in the summer of 1970 as compared with 12.8 per cent in 1969. These statistics understated the problem because hundreds of thousands of young people were discouraged from seeking work by the bleak job outlook.

The National Alliance of Businessmen, which has thousands of participating companies, is scaling down the number of summer jobs it hopes to find for youths in private industry. Last year, the group set a goal of 200,000 jobs, later modified to 150,000 positions. But when the summer was over, it had found only 142,000 jobs. "This year, because of the economy, we are going to be more realistic about our goals from the very start," a spokes-

It Would
Save Money

Ratification of the 18-year-old vote amendment in time for 1972 is seen as a "realistic possibility." It is, too, considering that failure to approve would cost the states plenty for dual registration systems.

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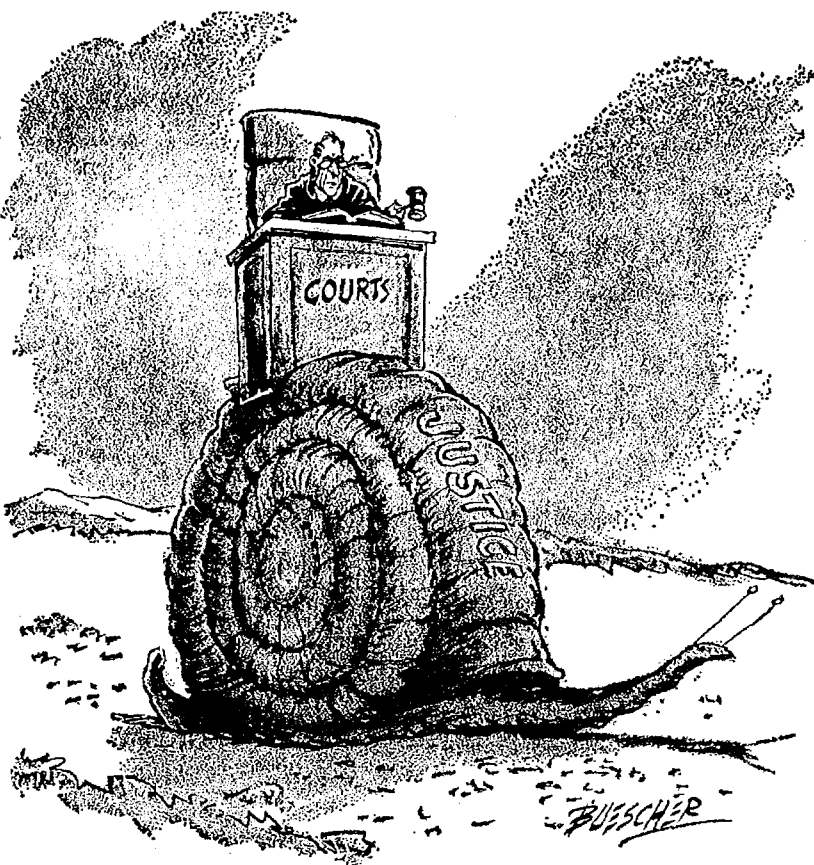
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The importance of summer jobs to the nation's economy can be measured by the fact that, in 1969, students earned more than \$2 billion in such positions. Even more important, the inability of urban youth to find jobs poses tinderbox possibilities for their communities.

Indians of Taos Pueblo in New Mexico still boycott such modern conveniences as piped water, electric power, and radio and television, National Geographic says.

SNAIL'S PACE



GLANCING BACKWARDS

SJ ELKS TEAM
WINS HONORS

—1 Year Ago—
St. Joseph Elks ritualistic team won its fifth district championship in the past nine years and won two individual trophies over the weekend at Holland.

St. Joseph also retired the District's traveling trophy by winning its third title since 1967. There are 11 lodges in the Michigan Southwest district and eight had teams in the contest. The Dowagiac Elks ritualistic team was second and Otsego Elks were third.

HONEYMOON TRAIN
MAKES LAST RUN

—10 Years Ago—
The Honeymoon Express, a

WILLIAM RITT

You're
Telling Me!

A 31-member expeditionary team which hopes to climb Mount Everest by sometime in May will have representatives from 13 different countries. That's a new high in mountain climbing — no matter how you look at it.

Of 40 neighborhood cats invited to a feline tea party arranged by a Toronto woman just 35 showed up. The other five, no doubt, prefer milk.

Tests indicate human intelligence reaches its maximum at age 16 — Factograph item. And, gosh! — don't them teenagers know it!

Because the streets were overrun with them, all stray dogs and cats were ordered by the Evora, Portugal, town council to be caught and killed. Animal wardens sought for them but couldn't find even one. Animals may be dumb — but Evora's critics certainly listen good!

After a life-time of trying, Grandpappy Jenkins admits he's never found a suit that looked as good on him as it had on the clothing store's dummy.

Western movies, we read, continue to be popular with television viewers. Still fast on the draw?

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

How would you like to spend a few carefree days in an out-of-the-way, appropriately named hamlet? You'll find the following in any comprehensive atlas: Cooler S.D.; Delightful, Ohio; Frostproof, Fla.; Chill, Wis.; and Vacation, Calif. Further study will reward you with Social Circle, Ga.; Yawn, La.; and Kissimmee, Fla.

Rumors persisted that a famous TV comedian was secretly romancing a young lady who had frequently appeared on his weekly show. The comedian's wife pretended not to know what was going on, but one night when he returned from the studio, she broke a vase over his head and told him, "You're two-timing me with that phony upstairs, you rat." "Untrue," he vowed weakly as the blood poured down his honest visage. "What proof have you got?" "I got the proof on the show tonight," she shrieked. "You did something you've never done in your life before! You gave her your best

train that over the years brought thousands of newlyweds to romantic Niagara Falls, is all but a sentimental memory today.

The Express made its final run last night on the 27-mile spur to Buffalo. A Boys' club band played farewell and 100 persons crowded on for the nostalgic trip.

OKAY WAR
AID MEASURE

—30 Years Ago—
The senate passed and sent to President Roosevelt today a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to finance the administration's "all-out" British aid program.

Two Republican senators, Vandenberg of Michigan and Brooks of Illinois, who vigorously fought the administration's lease-lend program, today declared full support of the seven billion dollar appropriation shortly before the senate approved it.

GOOD CATCHES

—40 Years Ago—
St. Joseph fishermen are interested in reports that sev-

eral fine catches have been taken recently from small lakes of the country. The lakes in the vicinity of Niles are popular with sportsmen these early spring days and good catches are reported most frequently from Barron lake.

GOES TO OHIO

—50 Years Ago—
Arthur P. Glass, for the past eight months city editor of the Herald-Press, has gone to Dayton, Ohio where he has taken a position on the news staff of the Dayton News, owned and published by James M. Cox, Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1920.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

—60 Years Ago—
A party of little people enjoyed a delightful party when Mrs. Bert Sinn entertained in honor of the birthday of her young daughter, Fern Lucile.

CORRECTION

—10 Years Ago—
The small fire yesterday was in the drying room at the knitting factory, and not the basket factory, as stated yesterday.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

WHO OWNS THE LAKE?

The Herald-Press, in its editorial, Nuclear Power Plant Compromise, seems, to this reader, to give in too easily: "the customer will carry the price tag for environmental protection. This is as it must be."

Why? I ask. Why should we residents of Michigan destroy our greatest natural resource, Lake Michigan, in order to supply electricity to other parts of the country?

Let us not, our newspapers included, delude ourselves. The nuclear power plants that are springing up along the shores of our lake will be supplying electricity to areas far removed from Berrien county, areas which already enjoy the electric light, but not the dubious, highly advertised benefits of "total electric living."

In order to supply distant

areas with unneeded electricity from Bridgman, for instance, it will be necessary for the so called Indiana and Michigan Electric company, owned by people from New Jersey and New York, to construct numerous cable bearing towers that will resemble a family of young John Hancock buildings. So let's not worry about the aesthetic value of a couple of cooling towers that might help save our lake.

And let's not wait around until all scientists agree that thermal pollution is more than a theoretical threat to the lake.

You, the editors, and I, both know that anyone who has the money can pay some guy with a Ph.D. to take the witness chair and swear, even today, that the moon is made of something that resembles green cheese!

Let us instead, keep asking the simple question "Who owns Lake Michigan?"
ROBERT J. CHARLES,
Bridgman.

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

LIKES OUR PAPER
AND HER NEWSBOY

With assurance that Spring is not far away, I feel a desire to thank you once again for your fine paper which I thoroughly enjoy.

When one is shut in from all events of the world, one certainly appreciates a really good newspaper.

Also I would thank Ed Sanders, the boy who delivers our paper. He is so thoughtful and so careful. Always smiling he stops for a few cheery words of greeting, and to answer my questions about his basketball team and other activities.

This fine boy brings to my mind a motto which hung over my mother's desk, words of Ella Wheeler Wilcox who said: "So many Gods! So many Creeds!"

"So many paths that wind and wind!"
"When all this sad world needs
"Is just the art of being kind!"
With every good wish for you and your paper, The Herald-Press.

MARY A. S. RAYNES,
913 Main St.,
St. Joseph

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking
Of Your Health

From the day we were married, two years ago, my husband developed temper tantrums.

My family thinks he is a schizophrenic. Could such a condition develop almost overnight?

Mrs. O. T. Pa.

Dear Mr. T.:
The fact that your family labels your husband a "schizophrenic" is, of course, out of concern for you, but without medical validity. Unfortunately, this descriptive term is used Dr. Coleman loosely by too many people who are not qualified and who have no understanding of its import.

Certainly, you cannot base your marriage on such speculation. Professional medical and psychological opinion is the only way to make such a diagnosis. I have repeatedly said that it is Audacious to use words "paranoid" and "schizophrenic" simply to describe someone whose behavior is different, or not acceptable.

These two complex conditions need the most discerning investigation by highly trained specialists. Schizophrenia is a tragic mental disorder, both for the patient and those around him. It once was considered a pure psychological problem. Recent studies, however, indicate that genetic factors play a role in it, and that chemical imbalance in the bloodstream may be an important cause.

More and more, research and treatment are based on chemical factors, in conjunction with psychotherapy. The American Schizophrenia

Foundation in New York City has played an important role in breaking down the "family shame" associated with this illness of the mind.

The foundation's campaigns are directed at bringing all mental illnesses out into the open, where they can be attacked with no more social stigma than any physical disease.

Now, let's talk about your husband. Temper tantrums may be caused by a variety of factors. His personal insecurity and feelings of inadequacy may call forth such a social behavior.

One must always question the provocation given to him for these outbursts. Sometimes, those who provoke them must accept part of the responsibility.

To be sure that your marriage is not destroyed by real or imaginary mental illness, discuss this problem openly, and without shame, with your own doctor. If he feels that medical or psychological guidance is indicated he will recommend the proper therapist.

Generally, families should dissociate themselves from the solution of problems that belong entirely to these well-trained authorities.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Crash diets rebound with crash disappointments when the weight comes back.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

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Opening lead—queen of spades.

In notrump, declarer frequently must choose between which of two suits to attack first. The choice may be difficult, but declarer can usually come to the right conclusion by weighing all possibilities carefully.

Thus, South's proper play in this hand (without seeing the East-West cards) is to win the spade lead in dummy and try a club finesse. As it happens, the finesse loses and South's remaining spade stopper is dislodged, but he makes the contract because West has no

other entry card for the established spades.

Note that if South wins the spade lead and tackles diamonds instead of clubs, he goes down. East takes the ace, returns a spade, and South eventually goes down at least one.

Let's see how South attacks the problem of whether to tackle diamonds or clubs first. In the light of West's threatening spades—probably a seven-card suit, judging from the bidding—the immediate aim is to eliminate his entry card or cards, if possible.

The two entry cards he may have are the ace of diamonds and king of clubs.

If West has both, the contract is hopeless; if he has neither, the contract is in the bag whichever suit is played first.

The only cases that matter are those where West has the diamond ace and East the club king, and those where West has the club king and East the diamond ace.

Tackling clubs before diamonds caters to both these possibilities. In the former case, the club finesse succeeds and South makes five notrump. In the latter case, the club finesse fails, but West is permanently out of the picture because he is out of ammunition. Declarer eventually makes four notrump.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1 — Who ended his speeches in the Senate with the words: "Carthage must be destroyed?"
- 2 — Who was the "Wild Bull of the Pampas?"
- 3 — Who was the Lord High Executioner?
- 4 — Who was the first great poetess?
- 5 — Who was a pupil of Socrates?

—IT HAPPENED TODAY
On this day in 1858 the street car cable car was patented.

BORN TODAY

"First" is an adjective that describes the late Florence E. Allen, a trailblazer for women jurists.

She was the first female judge on the Ohio Court of Appeals. She was the first woman to serve in Ohio Supreme Court. And, she was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

She was born in Salt Lake City in 1884. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Western Reserve University and her LL. B. from New York University.

Her earlier talents were exhibited in the music field. She was the music editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer from 1906-09 and a lecturer in music for the Board of Education of New York City.

She began the practice of law in Cleveland in 1914 and later became assistant county prosecutor. Some six years later, she came the chief judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Cuyahoga County (Cleveland).

Her next step up the judicial ladder was her election as judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio. She served in that post from 1922 to 1934.

Appointed judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of appeals by President Roosevelt, she became the chief judge of the Sixth Circuit.

Interested in the field of human rights, she served on or was chairman of several conferences, including those in London, Madrid, Monte Carlo, was chairman of International law committee of International Federation of Women Lawyers.

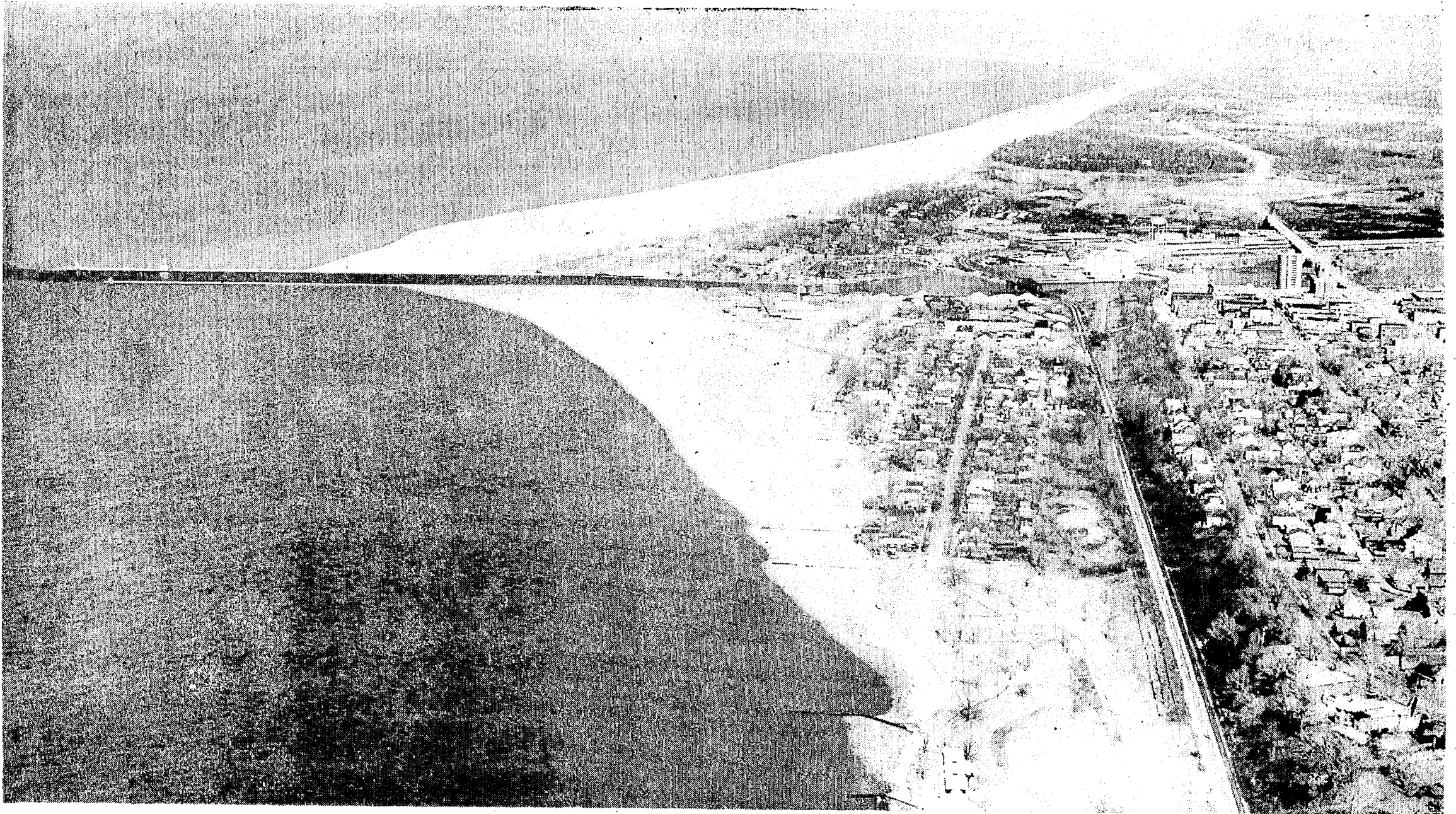
She authored several books on the law. She died in 1966.

Others born today include Werner von Braun, Joan Crawford and Craig Breedlove.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

- 1 — Calo.
- 2 — Luis Firpo.
- 3 — Koko in "The Mikado."
- 4 — Sappho.
- 5 — Plato.

Lake Slowly Freeing From Grip Of Winter



ICING ON THE SHORELINE: As far as the eye can see, the Lake Michigan shoreline is covered with ice.

And Aerial Photographer Adolph Hann says that's the way it is along the western side of Lake Michi-

gan except for the mouth of the St. Joseph river where access to the Twin Cities port is clear. Hann

took this picture last week saying St. Joseph was the only open port on the western shoreline. View here extends about 20 miles north.

Scaling Down Of Hall Park Project Voted

BH Commission OK's Reductions

Benton Harbor city commission last night voted to scale down the federally-financed Hall park code enforcement project to assure its completion under terms specified by the office of Housing and Urban Development.

Leslie Cripps, city director of urban redevelopment, recommended the scaling down, saying the number of buildings involved would be reduced from 500 to 314. The reason, Cripps said, is that HUD, which sponsors the project, set a three-year time limit for completion. Cripps said that date would fall in August, 1972.

Cripps noted the reduction, because of the short time left to complete the project, does not mean that all 500 buildings originally involved would not be brought up to code. He said other programs, such as Model Cities, could fill the void.

The Hall park code project involved bringing substandard buildings up to city code, Cripps said. Buildings involved are

inspected, a list of needed improvements for each is compiled by the city building inspection department, and then the owner acts on required repairs.

SUPPLIES LOANS

HUD enters the program by supplying loans or grants to assist families that might not be able to finance needed repairs.

Cripps said, however, that to date, about two-thirds of the families involved have been able to pay for the repairs themselves.

Cripps said the project began about 1½ years ago and during that span about 150 buildings, mostly homes, have been brought up to code, or are in the process of being brought to code. He said HUD financial support so far has totaled \$245,000. Some of this has come in the form of loans and some in grants, Cripps said.

Cripps added that as to repair work, between \$400,000 and \$500,000 worth of work in the

involved area is done, or on the drawing boards.

In voting to scale down the project, the commission agreed to delete under the project certain areas. Included are a strip along Fair avenue, between Thresher and Mineral, about six blocks, and an area one block north of the housing project, from High to Buss.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the commission voted to purchase for \$1,200 from Superior Steel Casting Co. the site of a future sewage system lift station. The site is at Eighth street, by Ox Creek.

Scheduled for April 12 was a public hearing on a planning commission recommendation that the zoning ordinance be amended to regulate driveway definitions and ban parking on front lawns.

The commission voted to accept bids from Bilton & Bilton, Benton Harbor, to demolish vacant, derelict houses at 424 High for \$345; at 365 Rifford for \$490; and at 370 Rifford for \$460, with all jobs scheduled to be completed within two weeks. The firm was the lowest of five bidders on two projects, but fell \$2 above John G. Yerington Concrete Co. of the 366 Rifford house. The commission noted that Yerington allowed for a 30-day completion date, its bid was only \$2 lower and the two houses on Rifford are next door to each other.

Commissioners, following their regular session, met at the zoning board of appeals and voted to issue a special permit to Edson Marshall to construct a carport at his home, 794 Superior. The permit was required, because the Marshall's lot required a variance to accommodate the carport under the zoning ordinance.



APPOINTED: Mrs. Robert (Esther) Kizer, Benton Harbor, last night was appointed by city commission to the Benton Harbor public housing commission to fill unexpired term of Ralph Lotka, city commissioner who resigned from the housing group. The term runs three years. Mrs. Kizer, a native of Benton Harbor and graduate of Benton Harbor high school, also is vice chairman of Model Cities citizens steering council.

Thieves Strike Again At LMC

Benton Harbor police said a \$150 tape recorder was stolen from the Lake Michigan College classroom building on Britain G. Yerington Concrete Co. of the 366 Rifford house. The theft was reported by Lucy Mayer, health sciences department chairman.

The theft is one of a number that have taken place in the past month at the Britain campus. Other valuable machines have previously been removed from the classroom, police said.

Benton Harbor police said a quantity of chain saws, screwdrivers, sockets, wrenches and drills were stolen in a burglary of the Eau Claire Fruit Exchange. A vending machine was also broken open.

St. Joe Denies Leasing Of Public Parking Spaces

St. Joseph city commissioners last night denied a request to lease spaces in public parking lots and tabled a recommendation that would restrict 136 off-street, all-day parking spaces to two hours.

The request to lease spaces in public parking lots had been received earlier this month

from Lee Hornack, representing owners of the 505 building at Pleasant street and Lake Boulevard.

Hornack had also offered an alternative suggestion that commissioners consider changing all-day parking spaces to two-hour parking. He said that downtown workers who come to

work before shops are open fill all available parking spaces.

At its March 4 meeting, the St. Joseph planning commission recommended that the request for leased parking be denied, but also made a second recommendation that the 136 parking spaces be limited to two hours. The city commissioners

tabled both recommendations at the March 8 meeting due to the absence of commissioners Warren Gast and Richard Globensky.

In discussing the two requests and recommendations, Commissioner C. A. Tobias said: "I feel from the people I have talked to and from what I have observed that there is no question that we should deny leasing of spaces, but we should table the second recommendation for further consideration. We need more research about restricting parking. I mean no disrespect to the planning commission but the second recommendation is meeting with waves of protest."

Commissioner Frans Smith said: "A year ago our city manager (Leland Hill) made a study of parking. We have heard no complaints since then. But people have asked us not to change present parking conditions."

WILL LOOK IT OVER

Commissioner Warren Gast said he is not familiar with all currently restricted parking and wants to do "some first hand observation," before deciding on the second recommendation.

Mayor W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg said: "Things are going along real well the way it is. It would be a big mistake to make

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Lakeshore Schools Set Budget Tightening Session

A proposed "belt tightening" budget for Lakeshore schools in 1971-72 will be reviewed in a special school board meeting set for next Monday night after the district's millage election.

Lionel Stacey, superintendent, requested the special session during Monday's regular board meeting.

He said the district needs "every bit" of the proposed 9.5 mill levy because, "the amount is one-quarter of about \$595,000 of the district's budget next year."

Lakeshore voters will be asked Monday to approve the levy which involves the renewal of a previous six mill levy and the addition of another 3.5 mills. If approved, the district's rate would total 32.446 mills. A mill equals \$1 for each \$1,000 of state equalized value of property.

Stacey added the district faces a possible reduction in

CUTS TO MAKE

"We'll have a lot of work to do and cuts to make at the special meeting if the levy isn't approved," Stacey told the board.

William Galbreath, assistant superintendent, said the budget would be "tight and to the bare bones," even if the levy is approved. "The 9.5 levy just covers continuing our programs as they are. We fail to see any more help coming from the state in aid for next year."

In a related matter, the board informally agreed it could not approve funds this year for a Jayvee baseball team due to lack of additional funds to pay for equipment and a coach's salary.

An informal request for the board to consider such a team was proposed by Joel Carr, high school principal, on behalf of athletic coaches.

Carr said coaches reported a doubling of the number of boys that turned out for baseball this spring. He said 43 boys tried out for the team that usually only carries 20 members. He said 65 boys had turned out for track and 24 for golf, all increases over last year's figures.

The board took no official action on the matter other than

to discuss the district's poor financial outlook and promise to consider the request at a later date.

In other action, the board heard a report from Gerald (Bud) Totzke, a member, who said Carl Nitz no longer wants to purchase or exchange property he owns adjacent to school-owned property off Cleveland avenue and Marr road. He had requested such a proposal at the board's Feb. 22 meeting.

The board complimented the high school concert choir that took first division ratings in competition last week. Some 83 students were involved.

Fire Departments Lauded By Ehrenberg

St. Joseph Mayor W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg last night commended the members of the St. Joseph fire department and the members of the Benton Harbor fire department for their efforts in fighting the fire at Maxine's Bar and Grill and Andy Larsen's barber shop, both in the 600 block of Pleasant street, Sunday. "All involved did an excellent job in a difficult situation," Ehrenberg said. "It was one of the toughest fires I have ever seen and I was pretty worried," he said. The blaze threatened Ehrenberg's Standard Service station next to the burned building.

Catholic High Sets Open House Tonight

Open House for parents will be held at Lake Michigan Catholic high school tonight.

Parents of eighth graders will convene at 7:15 in the Social hall. Sister Laura, IHM, principal of Lake Michigan Catholic Middle and Primary schools, will speak to the parents regarding results of placement tests taken recently by their children.

All other parents are invited to visit the high school teachers in their classrooms from 7:15 to 8:15, and to tour the school. Of special interest in the tour will be the newly organized Learning Resource center, the Home Economics room and the art department.

At 8:15 all parents will assemble in the Social hall for a program presented by the Forensic group. A social hour and refreshments will follow.

So. Haven School Tax Rejected In Close Vote

SOUTH HAVEN — The largest turnout in the history of South Haven school district voters rejected a 12.5 mill school operating tax by 30 votes Monday.

Ballots were cast by 2,322 voters from the city and township of South Haven, Casco and Geneva township which makes up the school district.

The official count showed 1,120 in favor to 1,156 opposed. There were 40 spoiled ballots. About 5,000 persons were eligible to vote.

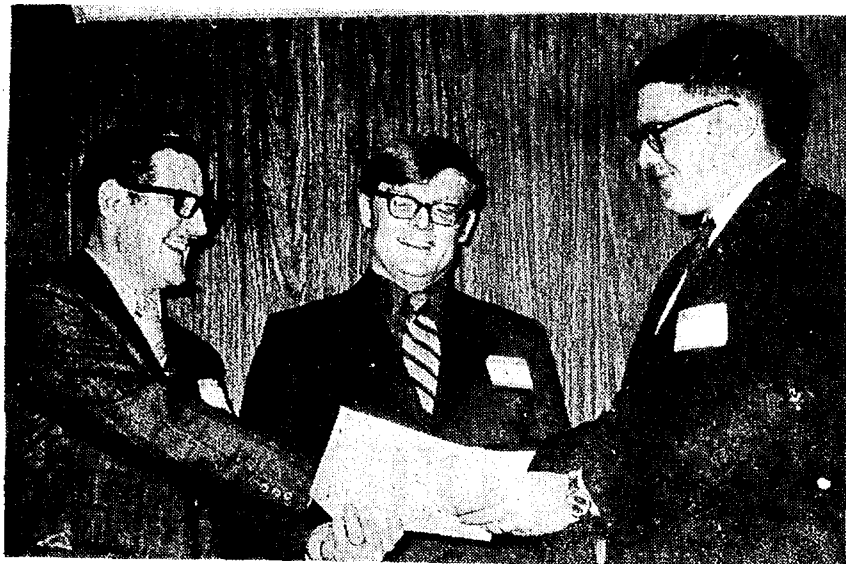
The school district was seeking renewal of an eight mill levy, which expires at the end of this year, and 4.5 additional mills. It would have increased the school system's millage from 20.62 to 25.10 mills. Each mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized

value on property. The issue was sought for a three year period.

The previous largest turnout of voters on a school issue was on May 13, 1963 when a 4.2 mill request was defeated 1,258-731.

Supt. F. O. Norlin said he would seek a special meeting of the board of education before April 1 to determine the course of action. The school district could present the issue again.

Without the 12.5 mills, the district will be forced to trim nearly \$750,000 from its \$2.5 million budget proposed for 1971-72. Norlin said that 37 teachers who are not tenured might face loss of jobs at end of the year because the school board will not be able to offer renewed contracts until it is sure funds are available for salaries.



FROM NEAR AND FAR: Ben Standen, (left), assistant dean of technologies at Lake Michigan college, congratulates two police officers on completion of 256-hour training course — John Behnke (center), from Chikaming township in south Berrien county, and Wilbur O'Rourke, Jr., Manistee city. Others in class came from as far east as Albion. (Staff photo)

Policemen Complete LMC Training Course

Thirty-seven police officers from 17 departments in western Michigan last night received certificates for completing a mandatory recruit training course at Lake Michigan college.

State law now requires that recruits have 256 hours training before going on duty. Lake Michigan college is one of 12 regional training centers established by the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council.

It's no snap course, according to Ben Standen, LMC assistant dean for technologies. He noted the officers attended school

continuously 40 hours a week while 15 hours is considered a full college load.

They took up 48 topics from spelling to scientific crime detection, taught by 33 instructors from Michigan State police, FBI, Michigan Liquor Control commission, National Auto Theft bureau, St. Joseph police, the judiciary, prosecutor's office and social services.

Lake Michigan college has conducted police training for many years and is one of the first to graduate a class under the new system, Standen said. "We are delighted to do our part toward the greater pro-

fessionalization of Michigan police agencies."

Main speaker at the banquet in Ramada Inn was Charles A. Smith, professor of English, Western Michigan university. Smith noted he had heard James Russell Lowell quote during the evening. "Now you're edging into my territory."

Master of ceremonies was Benton Harbor Police Chief William McClaran, now chairman of the Tri County Law Enforcement Training committee, an advisory arm to LMC. McClaran saluted his predecessor, St. Joseph Chief Tom Gillespie, for building a viable program in the area.

FBI Agent Leo (Pat) Cook said he has been associated with police schools for 25 years. "Some are a drudgery but this is a real joy because of the attentiveness shown."

Sgt. Carl Hulanter, Michigan State police, said he envied the graduates — they have 255 hours more training than he did when he first went to work for a municipal department.

The 37 officers have one more bit left — final exams today. They received certificates of completion last night from LMC and will get graduation certificates later from the state.

NOT RAW ROOKIES
Not all the class are raw rookies. The law provides all officers hired after Dec. 31, 1970, in departments of three or more men, must take compulsory training before going on the streets. Some were hired by their departments before that and have considerable experience in the field.

Class president Larry Brundage announced award winners: marksmanship — Paul Converse, Cass county, first; James Little, Benton Harbor, second; James Walters, Berrien county, third; Michael Renkowitz, New Buffalo, most improved; notebook — Tom Schadler, Benton Harbor, spelling — Steven Proshwitz, Dowagiac; Gary Lambert, Battle Creek.

The class by departments: Albion: John Fazekas; Battle Creek: Fred Cummins, Larry Harmsen, Ronald Hattis, Gary Lambert, Dennis Shump, Herman Veld, David Wiggins; Benton Harbor: David Brundage, Donald Finley, George John, Delmar Lange, James Little, Michael Sayle, Tom Schadler, Darryl Williamson.

Berrien County Sheriff: Larry Eichelbager, James Walters, Donald Zwar; Bridgman: Michael Pedde; Cass County: Paul Converse; Chikaming township: John Behnke; Coloma township: Richard Klimaszewski; Covert township: Thomas Carrothers; Dowagiac: James Mosier, Edward Owen, Steven Proshwitz; Edwardsburg: John Birong; Holland: Ben Sepeda; Manistee: Wilbur O'Rourke; New Buffalo: Michael Renkowitz; Ottawa county: Larry Beld, Lewellyn DeVries, Grant Schlieve; Portland: Ralph Fogarty; Van Buren county: Terrence Tupper, John Wolff, Jr.

INDIAN LAKE

Study For Sewer System Proposed

DOWAGIAC — Silver Creek township board members delayed action last night on a recommendation that an engineering study for a sewer system be conducted at Indian Lake because it has been termed polluted.

Earle Olsen, director of environmental health for the Cass county health department, appeared at the meeting with a study showing 31 per cent of the dwellings on Indian Lake are polluting or likely to pollute the lake with sewage.

Olsen was joined by two other county health officials, Tom Crook and Gary Beemer, and Eugene Mogg from the State Department of Natural Resources and Frederick Eyer,

from the state Department of Health's engineering division.

SIX PROPOSALS
The health officials recommended six items for consideration to the township board:

1) An engineering feasibility study should be conducted to determine the cost and public support for a public sewage system.

2) Conduct a water survey of the lake to determine if the lake meets the standards for total body contact.

3) Those dwellings in which sewage disposal systems constitute a threat to the lake should not be occupied until proper sewage disposal facilities can be provided.

4) Drinking water supplies should be checked for safety annually. (Bottles for taking samples are available at Cass county health department).

5) As in the past, before building permits are issued by the township, the township should require a sewage disposal permit prior to the issuance of a building permit to assure protection of public and the lake.

6) All residents should insist that local and state laws are adhered to for any future development around the lake.

Olsen said there was no deadline imposed on any of the recommendations but that the department would wait to see what the township board planned to do.

TO HOLD MEETING
Gust Selent, township supervisor, said the board would hold a meeting sometime in the future to consider the recommendations.

He said many of the property owners on Indian Lake are only summer residents and the board wants to delay action until more of those residents can attend a meeting.

He added that the meeting could be held anywhere from a month to three months from now.

More Skilled Trades Emphasis Urged At Education Goals Hearing

A tentative statement of "Common Goals of Michigan Education," as developed by the State Board of Education, generally received favorable comment from the majority of persons who attended a public

meeting at St. Joseph's Upton junior high school last night.

There was considerable insistence, however, that greater emphasis should be given to the role of vocational-technical education, which was relegated to

a minor sub-heading in the proposed statement.

The state board has been conducting a series of public hearings throughout the state this winter in an effort to obtain public reaction to the statement

of goals before the document is put into final form.

Approximately 90 southwestern Michigan residents, mostly educators, attended last night's session presenting their views to Dr. Gordon Riethmiller of

Chelsea, secretary of the state board of education and James F. O'Neil of Livonia, state board member.

The tentative document lists four goal areas: 1. citizenship and morality; 2. democracy and equal opportunity; 3. student learning; 4. educational improvement. Various sub-goals are outlined under each heading.

The statement was developed by the state board, based in part on work done by an advisory task force of 12 educators, two students and six lay citizens appointed by the board.

One aspect of the tentative goals which produced considerable discussion was that many educators felt more specific goals should be outlined to promote the development of vocational-technical skills of students.

O'Neil, who said he is a firm believer in better vocational-technical training in secondary schools, said that between 75 and 80 per cent of the high school graduates in Michigan never receive a college degree and vast improvement in this area is needed.

He said \$17-million move has been recommended to the state legislature for improving the vocational-technical skills of high school students. Michigan ranks 46th in money spent by states for vocational-technical training, according to O'Neil.

IMPORTANT ROLE
He felt that community colleges could play an important role in helping to alleviate this deficiency.

One industrial arts instructor expressed the opinion that the attitudes of parents must change in order for vocational-technical area schools to work. "We somehow have to get across to the parents, as well as students, that there's dignity and sound financial rewards in learning a skilled trade," he said.

Riethmiller said that performance objectives must be developed at the local level or the goals don't mean a thing and that the state assessment program could help in this area.

Another individual expressed the concern over what checks the State Board of Education has to guarantee that the money coming in to the local level is being used for its specified purpose.

Riethmiller said that the state board does have some checks on how properly state funds are being used at the local level, but that faith in local school officials also plays an important role.

O'Neil said that the tentative goals have been overwhelmingly accepted at various other meetings throughout the state.

Hartford Will Ask Millage

Vote Scheduled For June 14

HARTFORD — The Hartford school board voted last night to seek an undetermined amount of operational millage at the annual school election June 14.

Amount of the request will be determined at a later date. Four mills earmarked for operations expired with current tax collections.

The board earlier this month approved a tentative 1971-72 budget of \$1,225,180, an increase of \$101,000 over the figure set a year ago.

In other business, the board: —Approved the hiring of a second principal at North elementary school, a move brought about by split sessions that will be inaugurated in the system next year.

—Accepted the bid of H&K Construction Co., Allegan, for repair of three door frames at the high school at a cost of \$1,749.70.

—Authorized the hiring of a night janitor to work at both North and South elementary schools.

Tougher Gun Law Proposed

Rifles Would Have To Be Locked Up

LANSING (AP) — A tough, tough, new restriction on casual public display or transport in town of either longarms or pistols is being introduced in the Michigan House.

It would curb sharply the widespread liberty an individual citizen has now to march undisturbed through a city's downtown center with a loaded rifle or shotgun on his shoulder or a pistol at his hip.

And it would also put pistol-owning hunters and target "plinkers" on notice not to carry their sidearms around indiscriminately in their cars if not on the way to the woods or range.

Sponsored by House judiciary committee chairman J. Robert Traxler, D-Bay City, the bill follows very closely a Detroit gun-control ordinance which sets a 90-penalty for violation. But Traxler's bill would mete out a one-year prison term with or without a \$1,000 fine.

To legally transport any firearm more than 30 inches long, under Traxler's bill, the owner would have to keep it unloaded and cased while inside any incorporated city. He could only take the weapon out of its wrapping in his own home or at his business.

If carrying it in a car in town he would have to keep it locked in the trunk; if the vehicle, say a pickup truck, lacks a lockable trunk, the weapon would have to be in a special container.

River Valley Board OK's New Budget

Proposed Spending Up Five Per Cent

THREE OAKS — The River Valley board of education last night adopted a tentative budget of \$1,749,678 for the 1971-72 school year.

Supt. Harold Sauter said the proposed budget represents an increase of 5 per cent over expected operational costs for the current year. This year's budget is \$1,671,684.

The preliminary figures are required prior to April 12 for submission to the Berrien county allocation board.

The seven-member allocation board, representing school, county and township interests, meets each spring to divide a 15-mill non-voted tax rate among Berrien's school districts and governmental units.

In other business, the board approved the resignation of Jeanne Hendriksen, a second grade teacher at Chikaming elementary school. The resignation is effective at the end of the current school year.

The resignation of Lynda Olson, a part-time secretary in the community schools office, was also accepted and the services of James Parker, a bus driver, were ended by the board.

The board agreed to allow girls to continue wearing slacks until a proposed dress code is adopted. A student-faculty committee is currently preparing the dress code for submission to the board.



NERVE CENTER: Mrs. Bobbi McCray, 60, Saugatuck, mans the police radio in a small office in her apartment home for officers in Saugatuck, Douglas and Saugatuck township. She has been the area's dispatcher for almost 15 years. She carries out her duties as operator of the nerve center while doing household work. Her day stretches for about 20 hours. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

She's Still 'Calling All Cars' After 15 Years Of Service

SAUGATUCK — When the phone rings in a small office in a Butler street apartment home here, it may be the report of a fire, a request for bus information, or someone complaining about a barking dog.

The office is in the home of Mrs. Bobbi McCray who has been this area's police radio dispatcher for almost 15 years. The area includes Douglas and Saugatuck township as well as Saugatuck.

She handles the radio duties as she carries on her household work, such as peeling potatoes and cleaning house. The hours cover 20 each day.

BOTEL OWNERS
Mrs. McCray and husband Lynn, had been hotel owners in Saugatuck approximately four years when radios were installed in village police cars and Mayor Richard Hoffman asked

Mrs. McCray if she would operate the base station. It was installed in 1957.

The small office off the lobby of the Maplewood Hotel (since converted to apartments) now contains a base station on the same frequency as the Allegan county sheriff's department, a state police radio, equipment to contact all other police agencies in the area, and the fire phone plus radio paging system for the village fire department.

The first year was an experiment but the second year the three governments paid \$150. The next year brought an additional \$100.

BUS STATION
In the meantime, the local bus station agency was moved into the small office and Lynn McCray became mayor, a position he is relinquishing on April 1.

Except for repairs, the radios have never been turned off in almost 15 years. When the dispatcher enters her apartment a speaker and receiver are close at hand. One week vacation, several weekends and an occasional evening out constitutes the time away from her vocation.

Recently she left her husband on the radio while she attended the birth of a grandchild. Even then her talents as a police-woman were utilized.

Her daughter, Mrs. James Pullen, wife of an East Grand Rapids police officer, asked her to design a birth announcement in keeping with the family image.

BIRTH BULLETIN
Grandmother and father came up with the following bulletin: "Announcing the apprehension of Baby Girl, (name and vital statistics) Wanted for the past nine months. Apprehended by Officer James Pullen and delivered by Tarue Pullen and Dr. Valkenburg. Subject is sentenced for 18-21 years in custody of parents. Temporarily being held in protective custody at Butterworth Hospital."

Mrs. McCray said, "The greatest pleasure has been some of the fine officers I have had the opportunity to work with."

Many of these policemen correspond at Christmas time or return to visit. She mentioned ex-police chief Russell Colling, now in charge of security at West Memorial Hospital in Chicago and Bill Livingood. The former officer was a guard for President Johnson and still works out of the White House.

Charles Probert, who was with the Kent county prosecutors office until recently, was one of eight police chiefs with whom she has worked.

"In that time we have had every type of crime imaginable" said the 60-year-old policewoman. "Sometimes you wish there was more you could do to help."

Fennville, Saugatuck Schools Set Meeting

FENNVILLE — A joint meeting of the Fennville and Saugatuck boards of education is scheduled for Thursday night to review progress on a merger attempt between the two districts.

Residents of both districts will vote on the merger proposal for the third time in an election set for April 5. The proposal has already been defeated twice, the first time in 1961 by both districts and in 1970 by Saugatuck residents.

The review meeting is set for 8 p.m. in the Saugatuck high school library.

ADOPT PROPOSALS
Both school boards have adopted four recommendations to be followed if residents approve the merger vote in April. The recommendations are:

1) That the site of a new high school for the merged district should be as centrally located as possible between Saugatuck, Douglas and Fennville with convenient access to the highways.

2) That neither town name be used in the name of the merged district.

3) That the present elementary schools be retained and operated as elementary schools for the respective communities.

4) That a strong emphasis be placed on vocational-technical education in an effort to raise this area up to the level of the academic program.